



Nebraska Ag Rank and Ag Business Facts

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Current Rank in U.S. Agriculture, Amount, and Percent of U.S. Total, Selected Commodities, Nebraska

Rank	Commodity and Date	Number	Unit	Percent of U.S. Total
1	Commercial red meat production, 2010	7,135,700,000	<i>Pounds</i>	14.6
1	Commercial cattle slaughter, live weight, 2010	9,109,324,000	<i>Pounds</i>	20.9
1	Commercial cattle slaughter, number, 2010	6,938,300	<i>Head</i>	20.3
1	Great Northern beans production, 2010	1,186,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	84.5
2	Cattle and calves cash receipts, 2009	6,239,570,000	<i>Dollars</i>	14.3
2	Cattle on feed, January 1, 2011	2,550,000	<i>Head</i>	18.2
2	All cattle and calves- total value, January 1, 2011	6,448,000,000	<i>Dollars</i>	7.4
2	Pinto beans production, 2010	1,650,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	11.9
2	Light red kidney beans production, 2010	179,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	18.5
2	Proso millet production, 2010	2,640,000	<i>Bushels</i>	22.9
3	Meat animals cash receipts, 2009	6,905,320,000	<i>Dollars</i>	11.8
3	Cattle and calves - all, January 1, 2011	6,200,000	<i>Head</i>	6.7
3	Corn for grain production, 2010	1,469,100,000	<i>Bushels</i>	11.8
3	Dry edible beans production, 2010	3,193,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	10.0
3	Feed crops cash receipts, 2009	5,039,427,000	<i>Dollars</i>	10.0
3	Corn cash receipts, 2009	4,855,081,000	<i>Dollars</i>	11.5
3	Sorghum grain cash receipts, 2009	52,389,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.5
4	All commodities cash receipts, 2009	15,309,098,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.4
4	Livestock and products cash receipts, 2009	7,283,326,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.1
4	On-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2010	1,110,000,000	<i>Bushels</i>	8.9
4	Off-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2010	806,190,000	<i>Bushels</i>	8.3
4	Soybeans production, 2010	267,750,000	<i>Bushels</i>	8.0
4	Beef cows and heifers that have calved, January 1, 2011	1,772,000	<i>Head</i>	5.7
4	Land in farms and ranches, 2010	45,600,000	<i>Acres</i>	5.0
4	Net farm income, 2009	3,275,707,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.3
5	Value of principal crops, 2010	11,973,884,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.2
5	Soybeans cash receipts, 2009	2,256,326,000	<i>Dollars</i>	7.5
5	Crops cash receipts, 2009	8,025,772,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.9
5	Oil crops cash receipts, 2009	2,272,044,000	<i>Dollars</i>	7.1
5	All hay production, 2010	6,349,000	<i>Tons</i>	4.4
5	Calf crop, 2010	1,660,000	<i>Head</i>	4.7

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Selected Commodities, Nebraska (continued)**

Rank	Commodity and Date	Number	Unit	Percent of U.S. Total
5	Sugarbeets cash receipts, 2009	65,735,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.7
6	Sugarbeets production, 2010	1,131,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.5
6	Sorghum for grain production, 2010	6,750,000	<i>Bushels</i>	2.0
6	Value of all hogs and pigs on farms, December 1, 2010	341,000,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.0
6	All hogs and pigs, December 1, 2010	3,150,000	<i>Head</i>	4.9
7	Area harvested, principal crops, 2010	18,792,000	<i>Acres</i>	6.2
7	Sunflower production, 2010	83,400,000	<i>Pounds</i>	3.0
7	Winter wheat production, 2010	64,070,000	<i>Bushels</i>	4.3
7	Alfalfa hay production, 2010	3,649,000	<i>Tons</i>	5.0
7	Other hay (excludes alfalfa) production, 2010	2,700,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.5
7	Pig crop, 2010	7,046,000	<i>Head</i>	6.2
7	Commercial hog slaughter, number, 2010	7,599,200	<i>Head</i>	6.9
7	Commercial hog slaughter, live weight, 2010	2,063,582,000	<i>Pounds</i>	6.9
7	Hogs and pigs cash receipts, 2009	656,779,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.6
8	Sorghum for silage production, 2010	180,000	<i>Tons</i>	5.3
9	Table eggs produced, 2010	2,751,000,000	<i>Eggs</i>	3.5
10	Corn for silage production, 2010	3,330,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.1
10	Wheat cash receipts, 2009	373,133,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.3
11	All wheat production, 2010	64,070,000	<i>Bushels</i>	2.9
12	All potato production, 2010	7,719,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	1.9
13	Potatoes cash receipts, 2009	71,704,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.1
14	Food grains cash receipts, 2009	374,278,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.6
14	Honey production, 2010	2,420,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.4
14	All chickens, December 1, 2010	11,592,000	<i>Head</i>	2.6
15	Chicken eggs cash receipts, 2009	146,859,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.4
15	Oats production, 2010	1,700,000	<i>Bushels</i>	2.1
16	Value of all chickens, December 1, 2010	25,502,000	<i>Dollars</i>	1.6
17	Value of wool production, 2010	223,000	<i>Dollars</i>	0.6
17	Hay cash receipts, 2009	118,952,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.1
19	Wool production, 2010	385,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.3
21	Sheep and lambs, January 1, 2011	74,000	<i>Head</i>	1.3
22	Number of farms, 2010	47,200	<i>Farms</i>	2.1
27	Meat and other goats, January 1, 2011	22,000	<i>Head</i>	0.9

Nebraska Agribusiness Facts

- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska's total cash receipts from farm and ranch marketings amounted to \$15.3 billion in 2009, a 7 percent decrease from the \$16.5 billion recorded in 2008. Receipts for livestock and livestock products totaled \$7.3 billion, and crops receipts totaled \$8.0 billion. Direct government payments in 2009 were \$419 million.
- ◆ Ranking third in the United States, Nebraska's value of production per operation averaged \$365,115 in 2009.
- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska's net farm income in 2009 totaled \$3.3 billion. Net farm income per operation, at \$69,401, also ranked fourth.
- ◆ Gross expenditures for farm production in 2009 amounted to \$14.0 billion.
- ◆ Farmers and ranchers in 2009 spent \$2.1 billion for feed purchased, \$2.5 billion for livestock and poultry, and \$860 million for seed.
- ◆ Total outlays in 2009 for fertilizers, lime, and pesticides were \$1.7 billion. Fuel, oil, and electricity totaled \$761 million. Hired and contract labor expenses totaled \$596 million. Expenditures for repair and maintenance of capital items totaled \$699 million.
- ◆ In 2009, Nebraska farmers paid \$710 million for on farm and ranch property taxes and \$803 million in net rent to non-operator landlords. They also paid \$763 million in interest on farm real estate mortgage debt and on non-real estate interest.
- ◆ Total depreciation and accidental damage to farm buildings and depreciation to motor vehicles and other farm machinery and equipment totaled \$889 million in 2009.
- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska agriculture exports in fiscal year 2009 totaled \$4.8 billion. Nebraska ranked second in live animals and meat exports at \$1.1 billion, third in feed grains and products at \$1.4 billion, and fifth in soybeans and products at \$1.4 billion. Measured as exports divided by farm cash receipts, the state's reliance on agricultural exports was 31 percent in 2009.
- ◆ Each dollar in U.S. agricultural exports stimulated another \$1.31 in business activity in 2009. Nebraska's \$4.8 billion in agricultural exports in 2009 produced an additional \$6.3 billion in economic activity for a total economic output of \$11.1 billion.
- ◆ In 2008, Nebraska was eighth nationally in certified organic cropland acres (129,858) and eighth in certified organic pasture acres (53,174).
- ◆ In 2010, Nebraska ranked second in the United States in ethanol production capacity, with 24 operating plants having an annual production capacity of 2.0 billion gallons. Over 40 percent of the state's 2009 corn crop was utilized in ethanol production.
- ◆ Nebraska is a water-rich state. Underneath over half of its 49-million-acre land surface is stored about 2 billion acre-feet of good quality groundwater. Currently, 92,685 registered wells and some 6,340 surface water rights supply water to 8.6 million acres of harvested cropland and pasture. Of the total cropland harvested during 2007, 46 percent was irrigated.

Trends in Agriculture: Nebraska, Selected Years, 1990-2010

Item	1990	1995	2000	2005	2008	2009	2010
Total farms	57,000	56,000	52,000	48,000	47,400	47,200	47,200
Land in farms (000) acres	47,100	46,400	46,100	45,700	45,600	45,600	45,600
Average size of farm (acres)	826	829	887	952	962	966	966
Area harvested (000) acres	18,044	17,769	18,536	18,508	18,444	18,590	18,792
Farm real estate value/acre ¹	524	580	710	910	1,330	1,340	1,460
Land and buildings value (mil.\$)	24,680	26,912	32,731	41,587	60,648	61,104	66,576
Cropland value per acre ²			1,130	1,420	2,050	2,180	2,410
Irrigated cropland value per acre ²			1,580	1,870	2,650	2,700	3,050
Dryland cropland value per acre ²			890	1,190	1,750	1,850	2,000
Pasture value per acre ²			230	310	480	450	475
Cropland cash rent per acre ²			88	97	121	128	135
Irrigated cropland cash rent per acre	102	111	117	127	158	163	170
Dryland cropland cash rent per acre	59	57	66	72	97	97	103
Pasture cash rent per acre	10.60	9.20	11.30	12.00	15.50	16.00	16.00
Final agricultural sector output (mil.\$) ²	9,784	9,078	9,530	12,903	18,670	17,233	
Net farm income (mil.\$) ²	2,510	1,662	1,453	2,972	4,057	3,276	
Commercial fertilizer sold (000) tons ³	1,889	1,996	2,453	2,698	2,916	3,039	3,161

¹ Includes farmstead and operator dwelling.

² Missing data not available.

³ Year ending June 30.